

**GOVERNOR'S P-20 COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
General Meeting- June 22, 2007  
2:00 p.m.**

**Location:** Northern Arizona University  
Student Union, North Campus, Havasupai Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Flagstaff, Arizona

**Members Present:** Dr. Rufus Glasper, Amy Besing, Mark Bryce, Ernie Calderon, Susan Carlson, Dr. Michael Crow, Dr. David Curd, Gregory Donovan, Dr. Roy Flores, Dr. Sybil Francis, Lynda French, Harry Garewal, Dr. John Haeger, Bob Hagen, Superintendent Tom Horne, Cathy McKee, Paul Luna, Dr. Karen Nicodemus, Dr. Douglas Olesen, Dean Phillips, Kristen Rex, Xan Simonson and Dr. Jim Zaharis.

**Members Absent:** Susan Budinger, Dr. Angel Cabrera, George Dean, Mike DeLao, Dr. Kino Flores, Jack Jewett, Dr. Laura Palmer Noone, Bill Putnam, Dr. Robert Shelton, Councilman Greg Stanton, Mayor Robert Walkup and Governor Napolitano

**1. Call to Order & Welcome**

Dr. Glasper called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., welcomed those in attendance and introduced the newest members to the P-20 Council:

- **Susan Budinger**, a Founding Director of the Rodel Charitable Foundation of Arizona, and member of the Arizona Community Foundation Board of Directors; and
- **David Martin**, President of the Arizona Chapter of the Associated General Contractors.

Dr. Glasper ask the Council to reflect on the Governor's call to action delivered at the luncheon earlier as they proceeded through the agenda:

- Time is of the essence – need to focus on implementation and results;
- Need policy making boards to provide regular updates to the Council on strategic plans and progress on implementing changes – to start at next meeting of the P-20 Council;
- We are all accountable for improving the system and getting results.

**2. Approval of Minutes: March 22, 2007**

Harry Garewal indicated that the minutes of March 22, 2007, did not reflect his attendance at the meeting. Susan Carlson moved approval of the June 22, 2007 Governor's P-20 Council meeting minutes as presented with a correction to reflect Mr. Garewal's attendance. Motion was seconded by Cathy McGee and unanimously approved.

**3. Presentation and Discussion: Higher Education Demand and Feasibility Study**

Dennis Jones, President of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) provided the Council with an update on the Higher Education Demand and Feasibility Study. Mr. Jones provided information on a series of regional meetings that are

being planned to create a dialogue with community leaders throughout the state and to share some of the data. Mr. Jones indicated that the final report will be presented to the Council at the meeting on October 1, 2007. The Council engaged Mr. Jones in questions regarding the methods for garnering and incorporating input and data into the study.

#### 4. Committee Updates and Reports

- a. **Communications Committee:** Paul Luna reported that work continues with philanthropic partners and the Arizona Board of Regents, the Early Childhood Development and Health Board, and others to develop strategies for a short- and long-term communications plan to build public awareness and support of the P-20 Council's recommendations as they are being implemented and to inform key Arizona constituencies.
- b. **Education Alignment Committee:** Dr. Karen Nicodemus reported that the Mathematics Alignment Team has completed the initial review of Arizona's mathematics standards and provided the first set of recommendations to Achieve Inc., for quality review in the process to align our standards with Achieve's benchmarks as well as expectations of community colleges, universities and the workforce. Team members participated with the Arizona Department of Education's Mathematics Task Force to obtain their input and recommendations into this process. The Alignment Team will participate in Achieve's second Alignment Institute in Minneapolis on July 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> and is on track to bring recommendations to the Governor and Council at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- c. **Education Pathways/Workforce Committee:** Dr. Jim Zaharis and Susan Carlson reported that the Committee continues to address expanding and creating multiple pathways that will enhance opportunities for students to successfully complete rigorous and aligned coursework including early college options; methods to embed academic content into CTE coursework; appropriate assessments for CTE courses; and has formally ask ABOR to revisit CTE credit issues. After discussion on the issue of college acceptance of CTE credits, the Committee was asked to devise a viable solution for ABOR to consider.
- d. **Teachers Committee:** Staff provided a brief update indicating that the Committee continues to monitor the status of the Teacher Working Conditions Survey and that a final report is anticipated in mid-summer. The Committee has also been reviewing the Teacher Quality and Support Committee's draft report, and a final version will be presented to the Council at the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- e. **Adolescent Literacy Committee:** Kristen Rex reported that the Committee is working to compile and review the data obtained during the Adolescent Literacy forums. Using this information, the Committee will formulate a toolkit of strategies for school districts in addressing adolescent literacy.
- f. **Data, Assessment and Graduation Committee:** Dr. Sybil Francis reported that the Committee continues to work on strategies to implement the 10 elements of a longitudinal data system and is currently working on teacher identifier legislation. It was noted that ASU has received a grant to launch a pilot teacher-tracking program.
- g. **Steering Committee:** Dr. Glasper provided a brief overview of the meeting between the Steering Committee and ABOR earlier in the day. Dr. Glasper indicated that the

Committee Chairs provided updates on the work of the committees and engaged in dialogue on ABOR's role in supporting the following goals:

- Raising graduation requirements and implementation of a core curriculum;
- Enhancing the academic content embedded within Career and Technical Education Programs (CTE) and to work toward university acceptance of CTE course credits for admission;
- Implementation of an effective data system specifically the development of a teacher identifier, student level transcript information, student college readiness test scores, and the ability to match student records between the P-12 and higher education systems; and
- Increasing access to higher education by increasing and simplifying transfer and articulation agreements and increasing college and early college opportunities.

#### **5. Presentation and Discussion: American Diploma Project – Algebra II End of Course Exam**

Dr. Karen Nicodemus and Dr. Jim Zaharis updated the Council on their participation, along with Cheryl Lebo from the Arizona Department of Education and Governor's staff, in the ADP Network Leadership Team Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C. Arizona joined teams from 22 other states to discuss such issues as high school assessments and accountability; preparing students for college and work; raising graduation standards and graduation rates at the same time; and higher education's role in helping students be college and work ready. Participating states were invited to join with a nine state consortium that has been working to develop a common end-of-course exam in Algebra II. Dr. Nicodemus and Dr. Zaharis provided information and a fact sheet on the work of the consortium on this assessment and asked for direction from the Council. After discussion, Dr. David Curd moved that Arizona join with the nine state consortium to finalize and implement the common Algebra II end-of-course assessment. Motion was seconded by Susan Carlson unanimously approved.

#### **6. Discussion: Strategic Planning**

Dr. Glasper indicated that staff has provided a one page overview identifying the major recommendations of the Council and is working to fully develop a strategic plan and timeline to accomplish these goals. Dr. Glasper reiterated the need to reflect on the Governor's charge, goals and recommendations and to accelerate implementation of the recommendations.

#### **7. Call to the Public**

The Council heard public input from: Ted Kraver requested the Council be mindful of various models for education reform. Barbara Border indicated that the Career and Technical Education Department has a committee working on certification. Barbara Kraver addressed the need for more communications and a step-by-step approach in education modernization.

#### **8. Announcements and Adjournment**

Lauren Kielsmeier announced that Arizona was not awarded a NGA STEM Grant.

The next meeting of the Governor's P-20 Council is scheduled for October 1, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be at 1700 W. Washington, Governor's Second Floor Conference Room, Phoenix.

There being no further business, Dr. Glasper adjourned the meeting at 3:43 p.m.